

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application. No. : 10/537,504  
Applicant : Reinhold MEIER  
Filed : 11/30/2005  
TC/A.U. : 3673  
Examiner : Gilbert Y. Lee

Confirmation No. 4533

Docket No. : 011235.56348US  
Customer No. : 23911

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria VA 22313-1450

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

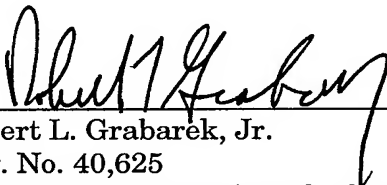
Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed on February 19, 2008, Applicant elects Species A of Figure 1 for further prosecution in the above-referenced patent application. Applicant respectfully submits that dependent claims 41 and 42 read on the elected species. Further, Applicant agrees with the Examiner that claims 15, 16, and 18-31 are generic, and thus, should also be further examined in connection with the elected species.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned should the Examiner have any questions concerning this Paper. Applicant does not believe that any fees are required in connection with this Paper, however, the Office is authorized to charge any fees required to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket No. 011235.56348US).

Respectfully submitted,  
CROWELL & MORING LLP

Dated: March 19, 2008

By   
Robert L. Grabarek, Jr.  
Reg. No. 40,625  
Tel.: (949) 263-8400 (Pacific Coast)

Intellectual Property Group  
P.O. Box 14300  
Washington, D.C. 20044-4300